

Scripture Reading Ephesians 1:1-23

Sermon "The Church: Adopted"  
~ Pastor Ian Hard

Hymn #709 Now I Belong to Jesus

Benediction

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# Christ Church P C A

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September 25, 2016

*For all who are led by the Spirit of God  
are sons of God.*

~Romans 8:14

Greeting and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*All: You have set your glory above the heavens.*

Leader: Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

*All: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

~ Adapted from Psalm 8

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All the Earth

Father, into Your courts I will enter;  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
I tremble in Your holy presence;  
Glory, glory in Your sanctuary,  
Splendor and majesty, Lord,  
Before You; All life adores You. (*Chorus*)

*Chorus:*

All the earth will declare  
That Your love is ev'rywhere,  
The fields will exalt, seas resound;  
Hear the trees' joyful cry  
Praising You, and so will I.  
A new song I'll sing, Lord, I will  
Glorify and bless Your holy name.

Jesus, Lord of all life and salvation,  
Into Your presence we come;  
We worship You, our precious Savior;  
Fill us, fill us with Your holy power;  
Set us aflame with Your love  
'Til nations all know Your glory. (*Chorus*)

## God, Our Father, We Adore Thee!

God, our Father, we adore Thee!  
We, Thy children, bless Thy name!  
Chosen in the Christ before Thee,  
We are “holy without blame.”  
We adore Thee! We adore Thee!  
Abba's praises we proclaim!  
We adore Thee! We adore Thee!  
Abba's praises we proclaim!

Son Eternal, we adore Thee!  
Lamb upon the throne on high!  
Lamb of God, we bow before Thee,  
Thou hast brought Thy people nigh!  
We adore Thee! We adore Thee!  
Son of God, Who came to die!  
We adore Thee! We adore Thee!  
Son of God, Who came to die!

Holy Spirit, we adore Thee!  
Paraclete and heav'nly guest!  
Sent from God and from the Savior,  
Thou hast led us into rest.  
We adore Thee! We adore Thee!  
By Thy grace forever blest:  
We adore Thee! We adore Thee!  
By Thy grace forever blest!

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit –  
Three in One! We give Thee praise!  
For the riches we inherit,  
Heart and voice to Thee we raise!  
We adore Thee! We adore Thee!  
Thee we bless, through endless days!  
We adore Thee! We adore Thee!  
Thee we bless, through endless days!

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## Abba Father

Abba Father, let me be yours and yours alone.  
May my will forever be, evermore your own.  
Never let my heart grow cold, never let me go,  
Abba Father, let me be yours and yours alone.

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## Invocation

### Confession of Sin

Leader: O Lord, we are your children, adopted by grace and made heirs through Christ.

**All: But we are discontent to be children and seek to be masters. We are unwilling to live in dependence upon Christ. We have been ashamed to confess that our hope is in a crucified savior.**

Leader: Hear us as we confess our sin.

**All: We confuse cynicism with maturity, and glorify ambition over humility. We confess that we have allowed**

**our thoughts and words to tear down, instead of building a household of faith knit together in love.**

Leader: Lord, we have fed on poisoned food and drunk from polluted wells.

**All: Tear down the walls to dependence on you. May our hunger be solely for Christ, in whom is true nourishment. Help us to be a holy priesthood, offering our lives in sacrifice to you.**

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

## Children's Sermon

## Tithes and Offerings

## Prayer

### Father, Long Before Creation

Father, long before creation  
Thou hadst chosen us in love,  
And that love so deep, so moving,  
Draws us close to Christ above.  
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us.  
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion,  
Yet our God is e'er the same;  
His compassion and His covenant  
Through all ages will remain.  
God's own children, God's own children  
Must forever praise His name.

God's compassion is my story,  
Is my boasting all the day;  
Mercy free and never failing  
Moves my will, directs my way.  
God so loved us, God so loved us  
That His only Son He gave.

Loving Father now before Thee  
We will ever praise Thy love,  
And our songs will sound unceasing  
'Til we reach our home above,  
Giving glory, giving glory  
To our God and to the Lamb;

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# W elcome!

Christ Church PCA is part of the body of Christ where the Word of God is taught, heard and lived.

We provide a friendly place of worship for all people, minister to the needs and aspirations of our congregation, and extend Christian outreach to the community and the world.

More information about our church can be found at [www.ccpcah.org](http://www.ccpcah.org) and on our Facebook page.

## N ews and E vents in O ur C hurch C ommunity

### IT'S A BUSY TIME IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST CHURCH!

We have much to be thankful for! To help keep everyone up-to-date, here is a list of upcoming events occurring at Christ Church in the next few months:

#### **Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.**

Join us in celebrating Pastor Ian Hard's first official Sunday as pastor of Christ Church!

#### **Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 9 a.m.**

##### **A GIFT OF SERVICE OPPORTUNITY...**

Join us as we gather to "bag and tag" cookie packets for the 100+ RUF students we will be welcoming for service and lunch Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

If you are interested in baking cookies, or helping assemble the packages, please see Elaine Welch!

#### **Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 a.m.**

RUF students join us for the church service, as well as our annual RUF lunch.

#### **Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.**

Installation service for Pastor Ian Hard (followed by a light dinner)

#### **Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.**

Missions Conference hosted at Christ Church (a light breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m.).

### ***ON A MUSICAL NOTE...***

The music team is looking for a kind person who can do some basic sewing. We need to create covers for our two main pieces of sound equipment in the back of the sanctuary, to protect them from dust and other debris. Please see Gayle Troy if you can help with this.

### **GREETERS:**

September – The LaCombe Family

October –

November –

### **REFRESHMENTS:**

The sign-up sheet for refreshments and lunches for September through November is now available.

These times are a great chance for us to all fellowship together after Sunday service with our church family. If you are able to provide refreshments, or willing to host a lunch, please sign up on the pages located on the greeter's table at the sanctuary entrance.

September 25<sup>th</sup> – Elaine Welch

October 2<sup>nd</sup> – RUF Lunch

October 9<sup>th</sup> – The Ogle Family

October 16<sup>th</sup> –

### **CHOIR:**

Choir practice is every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Please plan to join us!

See Gayle Troy with any questions.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

Sunday school for adults is every Sunday at 9 a.m.

Sunday school for children is every Sunday at 9 a.m.

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Next breakfast is Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, at 8 am.

### **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Will next meet Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, at 9 a.m.

This year we will follow the theme "It's a Gift."

### **REVIVAL PRAYER:**

Next meeting is Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m.

### **SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES:**

A small group, led by Chris McMillan, meets at the church each Sunday at 5 pm for a 6 week study entitled "Becoming More Intentional."

A second small group, led by Jason LaCombe, meets at the LaCombe's house at 5 p.m. to study the book of Romans.

A men's small group, led by Mark Saltsman, meets at Havenwood (on Christian Avenue in Concord) every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. to study the book of John.

# “The Church: Adopted”

Pastor Ian Hard

September 25, 2016

## **Sermon Text:** Ephesians 1:1-23

*Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To God’s holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus:  
2 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. 4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love 5 he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, 9 he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, 10 to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.*

*11 In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, 12 in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. 13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.*

*15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, 16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.*